

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

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The present invention relates to a process for the partial thermochemical vacuum treatment of metallic workpieces ~~according to the preamble of claim 1~~ and an apparatus therefor ~~according to the preamble of claim 22~~.

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The aforementioned object is solved with the process ~~specified in the introduction in accordance with the invention by the features in the characterising part of claim 1~~, and in the apparatus according to the present invention ~~specified by the features in the characterising parts of claim 22~~.

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